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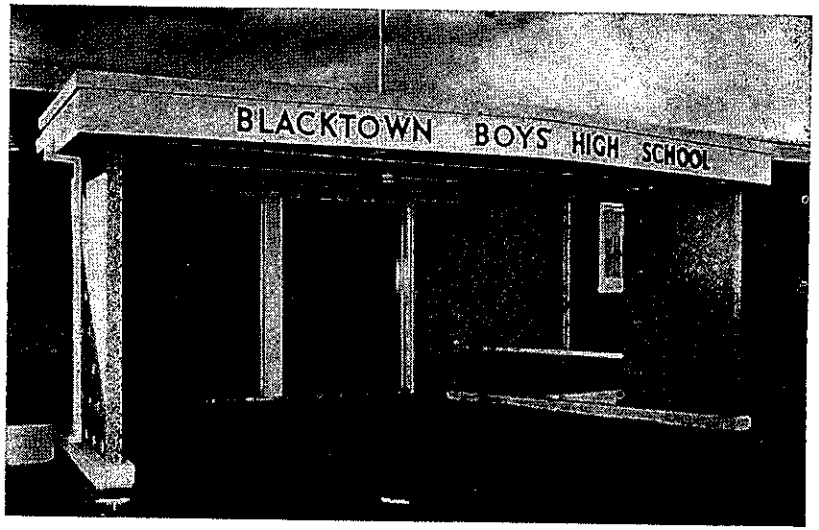

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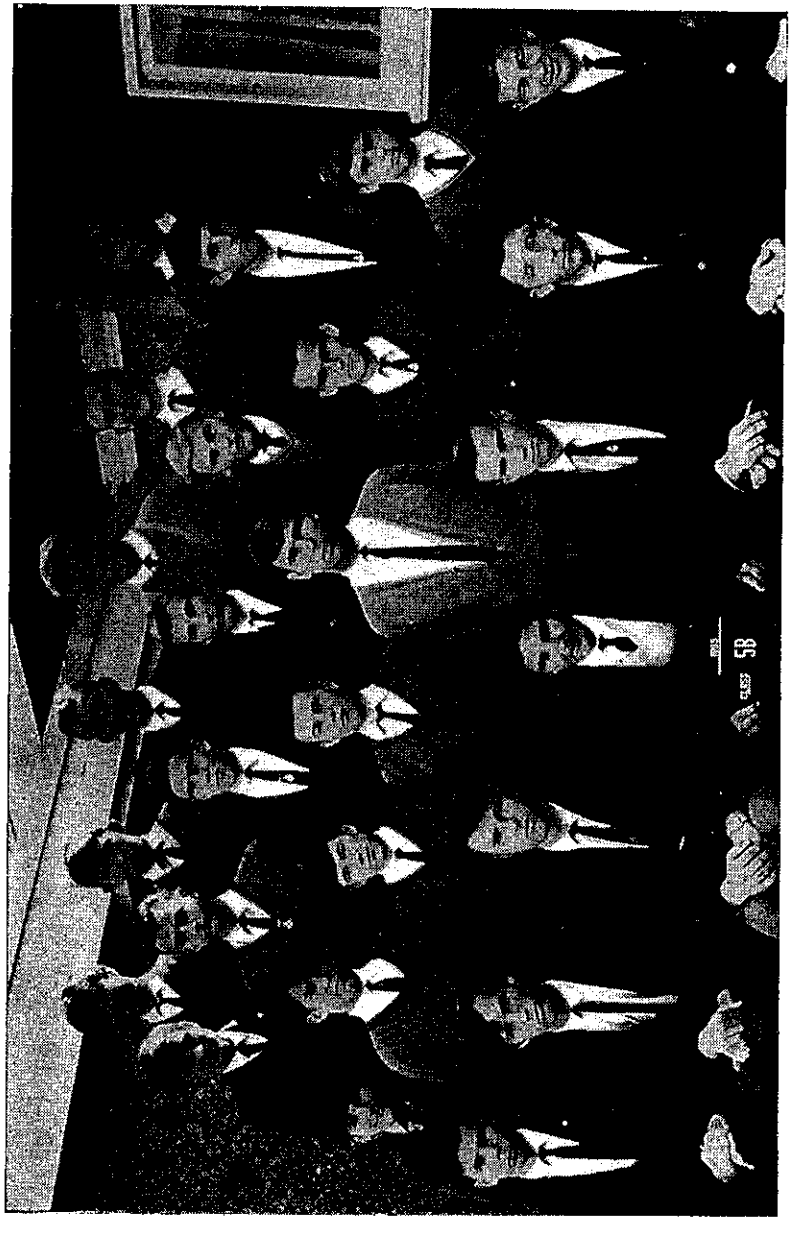

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STAFF CHANGES IN 1965

The following staff changes have occurred since the last issue of the School Magazine

Promotions —

Mr. J. S. Monaghan — Headmaster — Pendle Hill High
Mr. R. Scott — Mathematics Master — Westfields High
Mr. R. Weatherburn — Act. Science Master — Bankstown Boys' Jnr. High.

Transfers —

Mrs. A. Garvey (Miss Cooper) to Pendle Hill High.

Resignations —

Mrs. L. Clark
Mr. R. Rodgers

New Members of Staff

Mr. B. Fowler from Westmead Boys' High.
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The Rheem Prize for School Vice-Captain ..... Michael Crook
The Headmaster's Prize for School Service ..... Antonio D'Urso
The Stowe Prize for Dux of the School ..... Nicky Laszok
The Ian Holden Cup for Scholarship in Third Year ..... Geoffrey Richardson
The School Prize for Diligence ..... Wolfgang Merretz
Play Day Awards — Best Senior Performer ..... John Glennon
Best Junior Performer ..... Barry McMasters
2 Cadet Bde. Eastern Command Prize for the Outstanding Cadet Leader Stephen Briand
School Shield for House Spirit ..... Macquarie House
Blacktown Rotary Club Shield and Medallion for Service ..... Phillip McCrea

FIFTH YEAR

First in Year ..... Nicky Laszok, John Rodger
Third in Year ..... Wolfgang Merretz
First in 5A ..... Nicky Laszok
First in 5B ..... Brian McIntosh
First in 5C ..... Anton Obereigner

FOURTH YEAR

First in Year ..... Antonio D'Urso
Second in Year ..... Branco Celler
Third in Year ..... Phillip McCrea
First in 4A ..... Antonio D'Urso
First in 4B ..... Alex Sawicki
First in 4C ..... Joseph Procko

THIRD YEAR

First in Year ..... Geoffrey Richardson
Second in Year ..... Bret Ferris
Third in Year ..... Mikelis Strikis
First in 3A ..... Geoffrey Richardson
First in 3B ..... Robert Keel
First in 3C ..... Allan Meyers
First in 3D ..... Anthony Aisbett

SECOND YEAR

First in Year ..... Jekabs Strikis
Second in Year ..... Donald Anthony
Third in Year ..... John Kane
First in 2A ..... Jekabs Strikis
First in 2B ..... Donald Anthony
First in 2C ..... Udo Merretz
First in 2D ..... Timmothy Kotljar
First in 2E ..... Phillip Lumley
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First in 2G ..... Gunther Kreuger
First in 2H ..... Wolfgang Kunkel

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FIRST YEAR

First in Year ..... Antheunis Boogert
Second in Year ..... Kevin Walker
Third in Year ..... Kevin Willoughby
First in 1A ..... Antheunis Boogert
First in 1B ..... Tony Petrocco
First in 1C ..... Graham Crute
First in 1D ..... Keith Richardson
First in 1E ..... Loreto Cerasa
First in 1F ..... Eugene Lapteff

Sporting Awards — 1964

ATHLETICS

Champion Athlete 12 years ..... Robert Hunter
Champion Athlete 13 years ..... Keith Richardson
Champion Athlete 14 years ..... Robert Peterson
Champion Athlete 15 years ..... Bruce Walker
Champion Athlete 16 years ..... John Gates
Champion Athlete (Open) ..... Stephen Filipczuk
Winner Open Mile ..... Tony Cullen
R. G. Hingston Shield — House Athletic Premiers 1964 — *Hall* Tony Medina

SWIMMING

Champion Swimmer 12 years ..... Paul Johnston
Champion Swimmer 13 years ..... John Nicholls
Champion Swimmer 14 years ..... Gerandus Tebbenhoff
Champion Swimmer 15 years ..... George Kolasinski
Champion Swimmer 16 years ..... Neil Peachey
Champion Swimmer (Open) ..... William Farrow
House Swimming Premiers 1964 — *Shelley* ..... Michael Sawczak

CLASS AWARDS

Winns Ltd. Cup — Inter Class Rugby League 1A
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The Burgess Soccer Trophy — Inter Class Soccer 2A
Outstanding Class Cricket Player ..... Bruce Turner
Outstanding Class League Player ..... Robert McLeish
H. Davis Memorial Shield — General Sport 3B

TENNIS

1964 *Singles Champion* ..... Colin Billings
1964 *Doubles Champions* ..... Colin Billings, Tony Medina

GRADE AWARDS

CRICKET

Senior A. ..... Colin Leach
Senior B .... Gregory Mahoney
3rd A. ..... Bruce Walker
Jun. A. ..... Robert Clynick
Jun. B. ..... Colin Fletcher

BASKETBALL

Senior A. ..... Mario Castellari
Senior B. ..... Frank Castellan
3rd A. ..... Trevor Howard
Junior A. ..... Kerry Roberts
Junior B. ..... Ray Forrest

TENNIS

Senior A. ..... Colin Billings
Senior B. ..... Frank Bazak
3rd A. ..... Stephen Heath
Junior A. ..... Kerry James
Junior B. ..... Kenneth Scott

LEAGUE

Senior A. ..... Noel Turner
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3rd A. ..... David Bissett
Junior A. ..... Robert Clynick
Junior B. ..... Battista Pennati

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Senior A. ..... William Ferns
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Junior B. ..... Jekabs Strikis

BASEBALL

Senior A. ..... Kerry Sellwood
3rd A. ..... John Green
Junior A. .... Grahame Douglas
Junior B. ..... Brian Aplin

N.D.C.H.S.A.A.A.

1964 Basketball Premiers — Blacktown Boys' ..... Mario Castellari
1964 League Premiers — Blacktown Boys' ..... Tony Medina
1964 Soccer Premiers — Blacktown Boys' ..... Ted Bazak
1964 Baseball Premiers — Blacktown Boys' ..... John Green
1964 Swimming Premiers — Blacktown Boys' ..... John Nicholls
1964 Cross Country — Blacktown Boys' ..... Anthony Garbellini
1964 Athletics — Blacktown Boys' ..... Stephen Filipczuk
1964 Tennis — Blacktown Boys' ..... Colin Billings
1964 Sporting Premiers (Aggregate Championship) ..... Stephen Briand
Outstanding Sportsman for 1964 ..... Tony Medina

TEAM PENNANTS

TENNIS

Senior A Tennis .. Colin Billings
Senior B Tennis .... Frank Bazak

BASKETBALL

Senior B Basketball Ian Carroll
Junior A. Basketball — Kerry Roberts
Junior B. Basketball — Garry Trinder

LEAGUE

3rd Year A. League .. Colin Orr
Junior B. League — Robert Bennett

SOCCER

Senior B. Soccer .... John Parry
Junior A. Soccer Stephen Watling
Junior B. Soccer — Graeme Atherton

BASEBALL

Junior A. Baseball — Graham Douglas
Junior B. Baseball — Gregory Bernard

ATHLETIC

Bruce Walker

CROSS COUNTRY

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

I should like to refer briefly to some of the aims of our School. In its six years as a Boys' High School, some 22,000 boys have passed from the School into the Community — boys of all shades of intelligence, ability, ambition, outlook; some were of Australian birth, some came from the twenty or so countries represented in this School. To all we have tried to give standards of education and of attitude, and at the same time act as a unifying factor in this heterogeneous group.

We have tried to give these boys as good an education as possible — to give them the book learning and the practical skills necessary for life. We have tried to instil study and learning habits and processes, because most boys need some further training in their careers. We have set standards of conduct and established ideals of behaviour both inside and outside school. We have tried to replace some of the selfishness of modern society with thought for others. We have set certain disciplines, founded on moderation, their operation based not only on punishment but also on reason. We have tried to establish a friendly rivalry and at the same time, paradoxically, establish a school pride, loyalty and unity.

And we can see the result of these efforts in many spheres — in the standards of scholastic success; in the efforts made by so many boys to improve; in the efficiency of our Cadet Unit and the well-dressed praise it receives; in the standard of behaviour of the majority of our boys; in the fine type of boys elected as Prefects of our school and in the regrettable fact that such positions are limited, because we have so many other boys who merit the honour of election; in the ability of our boys to display high standards of sportsmanship, win or lose; in the response to our charities appeals, to the clothing appeals, indeed, in the generous response to all appeals; in the healthy house and Class competition.

I am not so blind to reality that I think that every boy here has reached perfection. We have had, and we still have, our proportion of lazy and uninterested boys, of undesirables of various kinds, of boys about whom we must confess failure — but so has every other school, public and private, without exception. We may have our failures, but I do feel that most boys have gained benefit in learning, in character, in outlook, from this School, and that they have taken it with them into this rapidly-growing, extremely diverse district of Blacktown, to help establish, and develop, a commendable community.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Speech Day was held in the Assembly Hall in the second-last week of the School year. The attendance of parents was a record. Guest Speaker to deliver the occasional address was Mr. R. G. Jeffery, B.A., Director of Education, Sydney (Western) Area.

Extract from the Principal's Speech Day Report: "I wish to make special mention of Mr. Monaghan: Our acquaintance began many years ago, and was renewed at various times over the years. In the past five years we have been closely associated in the administration of this School, and I have learnt to appreciate to the full the ability, the capacity for constant work, the loyalty and dedication he brought to the position of Deputy-Principal."

School resumed on Tuesday, February 2nd. At the end of the first week the School population was 767: 6 Form 1 classes totalling 203; 7 Form 2 classes of 219, 6 Form 3 classes of 204; 2 Form 4 classes of 62; 3 Fifth Year classes of 79.

Seven new Staff members came to the School this year. The Staff totals 41. We bade farewell to Messrs. Monaghan, Rogers, Scott and Weatherburn, to Mrs. Clarke and Miss Cooper. New members of Staff are Messrs. Fowler, Edgar, Kerridge, Mercer and Minnis, and Miss McLean.

In the 1964 Leaving Certificate Examination 60 of the 68 candidates passed. Candidates gained a total of 11 Honours and 62 A passes. 5 pupils gained Commonwealth Scholarships, 16 gained Teachers' College Scholarships.

The first three places in the Leaving Certificate were gained by Nick Laszok, William Farrow and Graeme Holden in that order.

At the 1964 Intermediate Certificate Examination, 63 of the 72 pupils gained passes.

Elections of School Prefects were held early in February, and were followed by election of School Leaders.

The Induction of Prefects ceremony was held on February 11th. Parents of Prefects were entertained at morning tea by Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Blacktown Rotary Club combined with the Twin Schools in organising a Careers Night on Friday, February 26th. Members of the Senior School, many accompanied by their parents, had the opportunity to consult representatives of many professions and occupations. This very successful function could be the first of an annual event.

Among early purchases by the P. and C. and the Ladies' Auxiliary were a Fordigraph Duplicator for general use and a tape recorder for the Music Department.

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House Parades for 1965 commenced on the first Tuesday in March. These parades not only permit the announcement of School information and the display of appreciation to boys bringing credit on the School, but also give valuable training to pupils: the exercise of self-discipline; the emphasis on minimum standards of uniform; the development of House and School pride.

As is our practice, the Prefects each week lead the pupils in the recitation of the Loyal Pledge.

After intensive preliminary organisation, an active Ex-Students' Association was formed this year.

The School was closed on March 12 as over 70% of the pupils brought notices from their parents indicating that they would attend Children's Day at Blacktown Show.

During the Christmas Vacation, members of the Cadet Unit attended special courses: Corporals Glennon, Thomas and Strikis performed very creditably in the Under-Officers' Course; Lance-Corporal Young in the Drum Majors' Course; Lance-Corporals Pollard and Strange, Cadets Carroll, Green, McKay, Rainert and Strange in the course for Sergeants and Warrant Officers.

Mid-Term tests for all classes were held in the second half of March.

Early prominence in the Athletic's sphere came with victory at the Southern Districts High Schools Championships when Blacktown led with 46 points; Seven Hills High was second with 36.

The Swimming Carnival was held on the night of Friday, March 5, and was very well attended by pupils, ex-pupils and parents. Macquarie House (674 points) led over Shelley (594), Hall (452) and Clarke (399). Leonard Steer (1A), Jeff Wilson (1C), John Nicholls (2A), Gerry Tebbenhoff (3D), Kerry Roberts (3C), Joe Power (5th) were the Champions in the various sections from 12 years to Open.

The Annual Meeting of the P. and C. Association resulted in the re-election of the former office-holders: Mr. D. Anthony (President); Mr. S. Taylor (Secretary); and Mr. C. Lance (Treasurer).

Members of Fourth and Second Forms had skin tests during April in the First Term.

New bicycle racks were installed early in Term 1. Their installation makes possible the orderly array of bikes and an easy method of locking bicycles for safety. Unfortunately, too few boys take the simple precautions necessary to ensure safety of their bicycles; the need was emphasised this year when three were stolen from our grounds.

Th response to the first P. and C. envelope collection was very generous — £45/12/7. Shelley House and Clarke House gave almost £12 each; 1A (2/3 per head), 4B (1/9), 1C (1/8), 3B and 5A (1/6) gave the largest amounts per head.

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A very generous response was also made by pupils to the appeal for goods for the Ladies' Auxiliary stall: pupils' donations. The total raised at the stall was £60/12/9.

Cadet Exercise St. Helena: extended this year to two days, was held in late March. Its performance brought credit to all members of the Unit.

Fourteen members represented the School at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Penrith. Blacktown was second in the 12 Years, 16 Years and the Open Sections and was first in the 13, 14 and 15 Sections. In the Aggregate, Blacktown gained 517 points, Richmond 499 and Penrith 227.

In first term the Dutch Auction for the Ladies' Auxiliary raised a record sum of £287. The largest individual amount raised was £13/10/0 by John MacCallum. Hall House with £80 led the House totals 2A (16/1 per head), 3C (15/11), 1A (12/9), 3F (10/10), 4A and 5A (10/1), 2D (10/-) were prominent.

The School took part in three commemorations of Anzac Day — in the R.S.L. Ceremony, in our own ceremony at School, and in the combined Schools service at the Memorial Wall. Members of the Cadet Unit took part in all three functions.

The P. and C. collection for April totalled £42/7/3, with Shelley House (£11/7/3), 1A (1/9 per head), 3B (1/7), 4B and 5A (1/6) leading in contributions.

Two cases of break-and-entry occurred near the end of Term 1 — to the Canteen and the Metalwork Room.

Officers of the Department of Education inspected the School during the last week of Term 1.

Another visitor in May was Dr. Karl Ernst, Professor of Music at the California State College, who was visiting Australia to attend the UNESCO Music Conference.

1964 Intermediate Certificates arrived in May, Leaving Certificates in June. Pupils and ex-pupils are reminded of the three ways in which these certificates may be collected: personally; by giving a letter of authority to a present pupil or someone known to us; by sending a letter enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope, preferably a large one to avoid unnecessary folding of the certificate.

The Annual Cadet Camp was held at Singleton from 12th to 20th May. Reports have been received that this was one of our best camps, and was particularly valuable in the amount of training received. Mikelis Strikis was honoured by being chosen as aide-de-camp to Lt. General Dougherty during his visit to the camp.

In a special course after this camp, Kenneth Scott (3C) qualified as a Sergeant Bugler, Neil Coxon as a Corporal Drummer.

The School was visited by officers of the School Medical Service late in Term 1 and early in Term 2.

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Other donations to school equipment have been a TV set for the Science Block, a small refrigerator for biology specimens, and a Verifax copier for general use.

The First Term Prefects' Luncheon was held in the Girls' High School, the Second Term Luncheon in the Boys' High School.

Half-Yearly Examinations were held in April and May — Fifth Fourth and Third Years in April; Second and First Years in May.

P. and C. envelope collections for May totalled £42/6/7, with Clarke (£12/12/3) the leading House, 1A (£3) the leading class.

British Commonwealth Day was commemorated in the usual manner this year. This year is the last time the half-holiday is granted for this occasion.

On the following Sunday Commonwealth Youth Sunday was celebrated in Blacktown with a parade and a service. The School played a prominent part and students helped in the service; the Cadet Unit participated and supplied one of the bands; C.U.O. Thomas was Marshall of the Parade and was assisted by members from the Unit.

At the beginning of Term 2, House Spirit points were: Clarke 279, Hall 348, Macquarie 295, Shelley 285.

The Charities Appeal was launched in Term 2. In this appeal, pupils are urged to make a small sacrifice from their own money each Friday, giving what they can to benefit those less fortunate than they are: the money raised is shared among children's charities.

The 1962 total was passed by £3: the Friday collections totalled £39/19/8, the special penny appeal totalled £25/2/4.

In the Nepean Zone Cross-Country Championships, Blacktown was first in three divisions (13, 14 and Open divisions), second in two divisions (15 and 16 years), fourth in the 12 years section, and first in the Aggregate. Two individual winners were Tony Garbellini (13 years) and Stephen Filipczuk (Open).

In the C.H.S. Cross-Country event, Tony Garbellini (2A) was second in the 13 years division.

The need to supply estimates earlier than anticipated caused the holding of the Fourth Form Examination on July 19. This year also the Trial Leaving Certificate Examination was brought forward to the end of Term 2.

Many pupils wisely took advantage of the opportunity to join the Pupils' Accident Insurance Scheme.

The Senior Dance on July 9 was a very successful social function of the Twin Schools.

The Playing Fields Committee sought the support of the P. and C. and the Ladies' Auxiliary in gaining funds for the Tennis Courts project. The P. and C.. has promised one-fifth of the envelope collections, the Ladies' Auxiliary half of the Dutch Auction proceeds; both sums subject to a limit agreed on with the corresponding Associations at the Girls' High School.

The School participated in inter-school debates creditably but less successfully than in 1964. The team debated such topics as "Mercy killing should be generally accepted", "Exams are a true test of students' ability" and "We devote too much time to sport",

In June, members of the Fourth Form visited Jenolan Caves on a geology excursion.

A fine example of School spirit was the work performed by pupils of this School during week-ends on several occasions — to prepare the grounds for sporting events and to carry bricks, cement and sand to the site of the rifle-range.

The June P. and C. collection was a record — £52/6/7. Macquarie House led with almost £14. 1C donated 2/4 per pupil, followed by 4A (2/2), 1A, 2B, 2C and 3B (2/- each).

The July total (collected over only 2 days) was £24/10/10.

The School Athletic Carnival was held on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 13, and all day on Wednesday, 14th. It was a very well organised carnival in which the students participated actively and enthusiastically.

Blacktown was the host school for the Nepean Zone Athletic Carnival this year. Again efficient organisation and enthusiastic participation resulted in a highly successful carnival. Blacktown (1084) won the carnival with a lead of 669 points over Penrith (415); St. Marys was third (384), Blacktown broke 31 records in acheiving this remarkable win.

Blacktown entered 8 teams in the Western Area Knockout Rugby League Competition at Parramatta.

At the end of July, House Spirit points (including all House parades, special appeals, Half-yearly Examination points) were: Clarke 520, Shelley 547, Hall 623, Macquarie 657.

Because of the number of activities in Second Term prevented adequate preparation, Play Day and Play Nights were cancelled this year.

The July Meeting of the P. and C. Association was a special meeting in which the ordinary matters were concluded by 9 p.m.; the remainder of the evening was devoted to informing interested parents of First Form pupils about the courses available at this School in Form 2. An outline of Form 2 organisation was followed by Masters' presentation of their subjects; questions from parents followed.

A similiar meeting for parents of Fourth Form pupils proceeding to Form 5 was held in the October meeting. The Cadet Unit held a weekend bivouac and training session in July.

The School Open Day in Education Week was Tuesday, August 10, and many parents accepted an invitation to attend. Displays were presented in the Assembly Hall, the Science Block, the Manual Arts Block and the Library.

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The Library Appeal held in conjunction with Open Day raised almost £100. Macquarie made the highest House donation (£22/8/0), 4A the highest class donation (£13). This was supplemented by a P. and C. donation of £150.

The Ceremonial Parade at which Cadets leaving the Unit were presented with their Passing-Out Certificates proceeded with the efficiency we have come to expect from the Unit. The Parade was reviewed by Major D.N.B. Brown, M.B.E., Commander 10 Cadet Battalion.

In the Anzac Day Essay Competition arranged by the R.S.L., the prize for the competition between the Twin Schools was won by Graeme Atherton (3A).

P. and C. envelope contributions for August totalled £41/8/7, a very creditable total in view of the number of calls made on pupils and parents in July and August. Clarke led with £11, Macquarie following with £10/18/3. Class 3B had the highest total £(3/0/8), following by 1C (£2/18/0), 1A (£2/15/6), 1B (£2/13/0).

Frank Bazak and John Parry of 5B won for the School a book on chess and a chess set for their entry in a chess competition in the "Sunday Mirror". A visit by Mr. Kellner who organises this section, during which he played a game while blind-folded, attracted considerable interest.

A new arrival among our publications is "Dandaloo" a duplicated magazine of Library, School and general news.

The School was broken into during August and a considerable amount of material was stolen.

A visitor to the School in September was Mr. R. G. Jeffery, B.A., Director of Education in the Sydney (Western) Area.

Third Term is the term of examinations. The Intermediate Certificate and Form 3 Examination commenced on October 18; the Leaving Certificate commenced on November 1; the School Certificate commences on November 12; the Yearly Examination for First and Second Forms, set down earlier for October 21st, will be held later.

The School was awarded a Life Saving Progress Pennant for its 1964-65 activities. It came fourth among the Boys' High Schools in total points awarded, and was second in the number of awards gained.

The P. and C. collection for September, for which envelopes were distributed only two days earlier, was £30/6/3. Macquarie contributed £8/17/9, 3B contributed £3/0/5; 5A gave 1/7 per pupil, 1A and 3B 1/6.

At the end of the first week in Third Term, House points were as follows: Clarke 695, Hall 795, Macquarie 861, Shelley 680.

Practical tests in Mannual Arts for the School Certificate and Leaving Certificate Examinations were held in the second week of October.

The pupils and their parents made a generous response to the appeal for goods for the Ladies' Auxiliary Stall on October 1st.

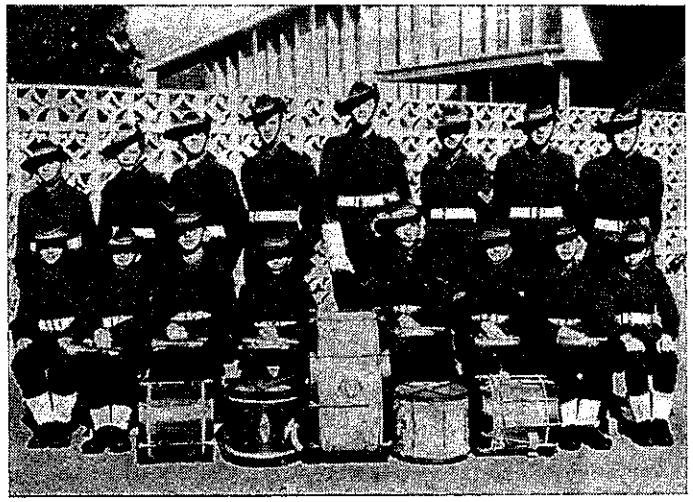
A very good attendance at the Mannequin Parade organised by the Ladies' Auxiliary on October 6th helped to make the function a success. The thanks of the School go to Mrs. Neine and her Mannequins; Mrs. Joan Gale, pianist; Miss Jan Henderson, soloist; Mrs. Fethers, who arranged the floral decorations and made the bouquets; Mr. Everingham and the boys who performed in dances; Frema Nursery for its loan of plants; P. and C. Members for assistance at the door; and the hard-working and enthusiastic members of the Auxiliary.

Blacktown Lions Club entertained representatives of the School at Dinner on October 12th. Two Fourth Year Prefects — Max Ryder and Tony Tweedie represented the School.

The Lions Club sponsored an exchange holiday scheme with New Zealand Clubs. The School Captain, Branko Celler was the winner.

The School completed its year of athletic success with its achievements at the Combined High Schools Athletic Carnival. Many of our boys competed as members of the Nepean Zone Team which gained third place. The School tied with Epping High School for first place among the 250 competing schools. These schools gained 90 points each, with Sydney Boys' High School in third place (74 points).

The School extends its best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all parents and pupils.



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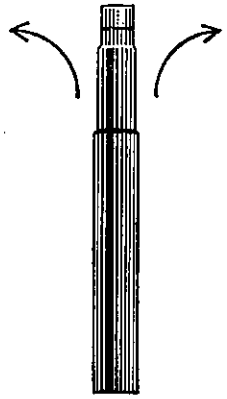

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THE SPORTING FIELD

SENIOR A. CRICKET C. LEACH (Captain) G. MAHONEY (Vice Captain)

TEAM: B. Gibson, N. Turner, J. Procko, B. Celler, T. Williams, B. Walker, S. Jones, C. Orr, R. Keel, A. Barlow.

COACH: MR. MARSTON

REPORT:

This Senior A Cricket Team although results at the moment are not final is one of the best that this school has produced. It is lead skilfully, by COLIN LEACH, who shows a good understanding of the game of cricket, is an excellent fast bowler, and a competent batsman. GREG MAHONEY obviously enjoys his cricket and has improved greatly over the last twelve months A good solid steady batsman and slow bowler Greg has made an excellent Vice-Captain.

JOE PROCKO, Excellent batsman, very good in the opening position, solid defence and a good knowledge of strokes all round the field. Wicketkeeps with considerable ability. TIM WILLIAMS much improved batsman. NORM TURNER quite a capable batsman and an excellent spin bowler. Good fieldsman. BRANKO CELLER. A very reliable fieldsman, always keen and interested. ALAN BARLOW, has quite a good defence with some nice drives on both sides of the wicket. BRUCE WALKER, most damaging fast bowler. Has done well this season. Lively batsman. BARRY GIBSON, Excellent slow bowler with good control. Good batsman. STEPHEN JONES, Good batsman, excellent fieldsman. COLIN ORR, has improved considerably this season. ROBERT KEEL has shown good improvement in batting. The team has won two matches and lost one.

SENIOR B. CRICKET. MAX RYDER (CAPT.) TIM MAYBURY (V-CAPT.)

TEAM: J. Chippendale, C. Fletcher, R. Clynick, P. Smith, G. Buchanan, E. Williams, J. Forrest, P. Doyle, B. Clifton, T. Edwards, P. Zikan, R. Hartley, E. McNamara.

COACH: MR. COUPE

The Senior B. Cricket team, under the Captaincy of Max Ryder, 4A, has had a very successful season this year. It has won all but one of the matches played so far and is very favourably placed in the competition as a whole.

Blacktown has scored first innings victories against Doonside and St. Marys and outright wins against Rooty Hill and Riverstone. The victory against Rooty Hill was achieved after only one afternoon's play and was due largely to Max Ryder's skilful leadership and a daring declaration in the first innings when the score was only 45. The match at Riverstone was a very exciting one; Blacktown trailed in the first innings but managed to snatch victory in the last over with only one wicket to spare.

What could have been an ignominous defeat by Richmond was averted by the adventurous and spirited batting of John Chippendale and Eric Williams in the second innings. Blacktown lost this match on the first innings.

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Other outstanding performers were Colin Fraser, who, both as batsman and bowler has figured prominently in all matches, Graham Buchanan, a very successful opening bowler, Robert Clynick and Peter Smith who have very capably opened the batting and Tim Maybury who has been an outstanding wicket-keeper.

A feature of the season has been the consistent and sometimes brilliant fielding of the team. This keenness on the field has contributed significantly to the success so far achieved; a success which, it is hoped, will continue for the rest of the season.

JUNIOR "A" CRICKET — L. Sutcliffe (Capt.), S. Brandt (V. Capt.), I. Douglas, B. Kennedy, G. Simon, S. Thorp, N. Nicholson, A. Garbellini, B. Turner, W. Brennan, J. Kitney, R. Reid.

COACH: Mr. L. Curran.

REPORT: To date, the team has suffered one defeat and still has a chance to win first or second place in the competition. However, we have been unfortunate to lose our Captain Les Sutcliffe through injury with three matches remaining. Les has been our most consistent wicket-taker with his fast bowling, once taking 8 for 10 in one innings.

Attendance at practice has been fairly good and the fielding has been very consistent with G. Simon, S. Brandt and I. Douglas being mainstays. We are very hopeful about the result of the competition in December.

JUNIOR "B" CRICKET: J. Ryder (Capt.), A. Kelly (V. Capt.), M. Miller, F. Wrigley, G. Rowe, D. Castle, M. Fletcher, M. Tuck, K. Riley, P. Mahoney, R Wilson.

COACH: Mr. Dawson.

At the time of writing this report, the Junior B find themselves in 2nd position in the competition. They have had good days and bad, but at all times the boys played as a team. Players deserving a special mention are the Captain Jim Ryder who at all times led his team capably and commanded respect of all members. Jim's deputy, Allan Kelly, as wicket keeper did a fine job and assisted his captain very effectively.

Kevin Riley would appear to be the star of the team. He wielded the bat with vigour and confidence being rewarded with some very fine scores (63 n.o. against Nepean). Many an opposition batsman fell victim to his lively cutters Phillip Mahoney struck terror into the hearts of batsmen with scorching deliveries. Richard Wilson fielded "close in" throughout the competition and kept the scoring down with some wonderful fielding and fine catches. Mark Miller and Fred Wrigley were safe in the field with some excellent returns to keeper Kelly. Michael Tuck, Geoffrey Rowe and Ken Fletcher were stalwart team men, always prepared to do their job and do it well.

These boys have been and will continue to be a credit to their school by their manner on and off the field, their attitude towards cricket and thier willingness to do their best at all times.

SENIOR A. BASKETBALL: Capt. T. Bilokur, F. Castellan, M. Castellari, G. Crofts, L. Panchenko, W. Ferns (Vice-capt.) H. Maleszka, I. Carrol.

COACH: Mr. P. Hennessey.

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REPORT: Excellent teamwork encompassing fine individual efforts laid the foundation for a highly successful season. Eight games were played without loss. Many were contested closely, though the team set a record in one scoring spree of 79-2. Congratulations to the members and special congratulations to Garry Crofts and Bill Ferms who gained selection in the Nepean Zone.

SENIOR "B" BASKETBALL: T. Howard (Capt.), T. Tweedie (Vice Capt.), D. Bisset, P. Francis, V. Podres, M. Strikis, K. Roberts.

COACH: Mr. Hennessy.

REPORT: Congratulations to this side who went through the season undefeated. Though faced with strong opposition many times skilful combintaion and individual ability established victory.

JUNIOR "A" BASKETBALL: B. Knezevic (Capt.), J. Melville (Vice Capt.) P. Lukanenko, E. Kwiatowski, R. Roberts, M. Wojcechowski, J. Nicholls.

COACH: Mr. R. Drinkwater.

REPORT: Despite very strong competition the team are in second position, having been defeated only once. Led by B. Knezevic the team are bound to give a good account of themselves in the remaining games.

JUNIOR "B" BASKETBALL: R. Crowther (Capt.) G. Bindley (Vice Capt.) T. Zeilinski, R. Hunter, P. Colquhoun, J. Jackson, C. Buckley.

COACH: Mr. R. Drinkwater.

REPORT: This team are winning the competition, being undefeated. They display a high degree of skill and understanding and are a perfectly blended team.

SENIOR "A" TENNIS: S. Heath (Capt.), P. Bonchard (Vice Capt.), R. Dol, J. Lees, P. McSeveny.

COACH: Mr. Weller.

REPORT: Each member of the Senior "A" Team played exceptionally well and with the viewpoint of winning subsequently we won all but one hard fought match against Penrith.

SENIOR "A" LEAGUE TEAM: J. Procko (Capt.), N. Turner (Vice Capt.) L. Hayden, J. King, T. Bourke, S. Pianko, T. D'Urso, J. Power, T. Mayberry, C. Orr, B. Walker, M. Sycz, D. Sparshott, G. Crofts, W. Whittington, A. Watson.

COACH: Mr. B. Baguley.

REPORT: This was the most successful senior "A" League team that the School has ever had. They went through the Nepean Zone competition undefeated, to win the premiership for the first time. This team was successful mainly through teamwork, Joe Procko being the brains behind many of the movements. Our greatest scoring potential was from Bruce Walker in the centre and Stan Pianko in the forwards. Other stars of the season were Joe Power and Norm Turner. In the University Shield, we were unlucky being beaten 11-7 by James Cook High School who were eventually beaten 4-2 by Tamworth, the winners.

SENIOR "B" LEAGUE TEAM: W. Whittington (Capt.), T. Tweedie (Vice Capt.), T. Howard, S. Jones, A. Schmidt, M. Hayden, P. King, G. Buchanan, D. Bissett, S. Hupton, P. Doyle, J. Chippendale, R. Roberts, P. McSeveny.

COACH: Mr. B. Fitzgerald.

REPORT: The team played seven matches. Four matches were won, one tied and two lost. We did well in the competition. Two members of the team played in competition matches in First Grade,, Wayne Whittington, David Bissett and acquitted themselves well. Congratulations to David Bissett who was judged best and fairest player in the team.

JUNIOR "A" RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM: L. Edwards (Capt.), C. Buckley (Vice Capt.), N. Nicolson, F. Wrigley, G. Baitch, S. Thorp, P. Benge, R. Roberts, E. Kwiatkowski, L. Cerasa, J. Kitney, K. Richardson, T. Boogert, B. Chymiak.

COACH: Mr. L. Curran.

REPORT: Our team did well without setting the world on fire. We won 5 out of 7 matches but lost semi-final 8-0. Our forwards were neither heavy enough nor experienced enough to take premiership honours.

The regular backs were a good combination and when not reduced through injury, played brilliantly at times. Rodney Roberts at inside centre was a staunch defender and a most menacing player in attack. Other consistent players were J. Kitney, E. Kwiatkowski, F. Wrigley and L. Edwards.

JUNIOR "B" LEAGUE TEAM: Neville Proud (Capt.), G. Simon (Vice Capt.), P. Dawson, S. Curtis, G. Greenaway, R. Wilson, G. Bindley, L. Bollard, (forwards, together with captain), ½ K. Broome, Five eight G. Simon, G. Melville and B. Larsen (Centres), J. Corbett and J. Pooley (Wingers), F.B. W. Brennan, Reserves (S. Sycz, S. Brandt, T. Boogert).

COACH: Mr. Drinkwater.

REPORT: As is always the case, the depth of talent at Blacktown Boys' was made apparent in the "B" grade comp. The team, light by comparison, were far superior to all teams bar Nepean. The team finished the season undefeated showing improvement with each game. No player stood out but there were no weaknesses in any position. The forwards retained possession and the backline, with great understanding, scored the all important points. Highest scorers were J. Corbett, winger and W. Brennan, goalkicker.

SENIOR "A" SOCCER TEAM: Henry Maleszka (Capt.), Colin Leach (Vice Capt.), M. Castellari, F. Bazak, T. Bazak, H. Jones, W. Ferns, F. Castellan, T. Bilokur, J. Parry, J. Lalic, P. McCrea, K. Bartlett.

COACH: Mr. Canavan.

REPORT: This year's Senior "A" team was one of the strongest the school has known. In the 9 matches played. our forwards netted 58 goals, while the defence conceded only 7. On two occasions the score reached double figures:- 12-0 against Penrith, 11-0 against Richmond.

The most skilful player of the season was undoubtedly Ted Bazak who scored no fewer than 30 goals. In the attack he was ably supported by his brother Frank and C. Leach who were also prolific scorers. The stalwarts of the "iron curtain" defence were H. Maleszka, T. Bilokur, F, Castellan, H. Jones, J. Parry and M. Castellari. The only disappointment of the year was our early dismissal from the Tasman Cup by Cabramatta after a replay.

SENIOR "B" SOCCER: M. Strikis (Capt.), C. Robertson, J. Kristof, J. Wilkinson, E. Rainert, T. Danos, L. Danos, H. Kroon, C. Smeekens, C. Fletcher, C. Green, H. Malinowski, C. Partridge, S. Cserhalmi, S. Palmer.

REPORT: 1965 was a highly successful year for the Senior "B" Soccer side. In every game a convincing victory was recorded and the team finished the season with a 100% record. In the 5 games played, the goal record was 34 goals for and only 2 goals against. The highest scores recorded were 9-1 against Penrith and 9-0 against Nepean. It must be emphasised that soccer is essentially a team game and every plyer in the team contributed to the success. Nevertheless, it must be recorded that Vaughan Wilkinson proved a very capable leader of the attack and notched 17 goals. Carl Robertson illustrated that in soccer skill will always overcome brawn by netting 14 goals over the season.

JUNIOR "A" SOCCER TEAM: S. Kovacic (Capt.), J. Van Der Steen (Vice Capt.), B. Campbell, L. Crowther, A. Johnston, R. Messerschmidt, C. Treu, J. Nichols, B. Knezevic, D. Clarke.

COACH: Mr. Jones.

REPORT: This team was beaten in the Final game and lost to Penrith. This defeat was extremely disappointing as they had beaten Penrith 4-1 two weeks before. All boys played well and it was interesting to see, the high degree of team work which they displayed. Boys of A standard must remember that school sporting teams are extremely important and it is only they who can make them successful. Their behaviour was of a high standard and as their coach I was proud of them.

JUNIOR "B" SOCCER TEAM: T. Kielinski (Capt.), D. Thorburn (Vice Capt.), G. Howell, S. Kent, P. Johnston, G. Staines, M. Stass, R. Leeds, I. Douglass, G. Lambert, G. Case.

COACH: Mr. Jones.

REPORT: The boys played well during the season, but unfortunately were beaten in the semi-finals. No one boy could be singled out as worthy of special mention, all played the game well. The behaviour of our team was of a high standard and the school has good reason to be proud of them.

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GYMNASTICS

Coach: Mr. Bailey

A school team began training in second term, but the practices lapsed due to the cancellation of play night. A group of first year boys is being trained on Monday afternoons with the aim of giving them a basic knowledge of gymnastics so that they may be partly prepared for future school teams. It is hoped to raise the standard of gymnastics by starting this training with younger boys.

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Gymnastics Team

Back Row: Peter Stanton, Dieter Krieger, Bill Strange, Arthur Mansfield, John Frogson.
Middle Row: David Hewson, Mr. Bailey, John Leach,
Front Row: Dugald McCall, John Vander Steen, Karl Robertson, Geoffrey Smith, Sandor Cserhalmi, John Pooley.

Senior "A" Tennis

K. Bartlett, Mr. G. Weller, T. Bazak, K. James, F. Bazak, J. King.

Junior A-B Tennis

M. Stass, C. Davis, Mr. Collins, P. Kilpatrick, P. Johnson, R. O'Neill, J. Rosley K. Walker, G. Baitch, I. Shearer. (Absent C. Treu).

Junior A-B Basketballl

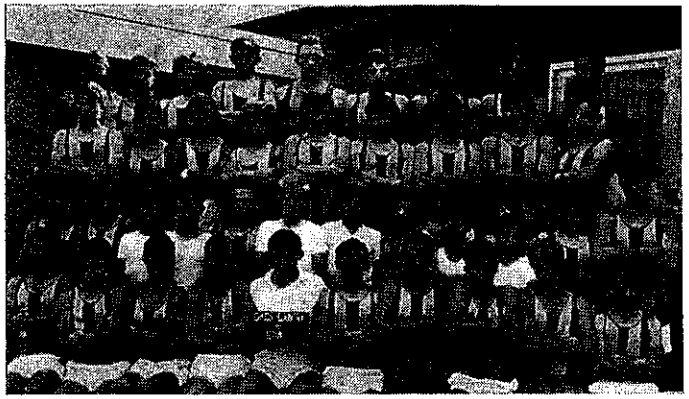
Back Row: J. Melville, M. Wotcechowski, R. Roberts, R. Crowther, P. Lukjanenko, C. Buckley, R. Hunter.

Front Row: J. Van der Steer, E. Kwiatowski, C. Bindley, B. Knezevic, J. Nicholls.

Swimming Team

Back Row: M. Leonhardt, D. Zikan, K. Bartlett, R. Forrest, G. Hardy, R. Leeds, S. Watling, K. Roberts.
Middle Row: V. Power, T. Milburn, G. Wilson, A. Falconer, P. Johnston, G. Bindley, J. Nichols, B. McMaster.
Front Row: R. Roberts, R. Peterson, K. James, R. Bennett, T. Maybury, B. Knezevic, L. Steer, A. Hoskins.

Cross Country Team



Back Row: C. Zwolen, J. Power, I. Ponton, M. Strikis, H. Jones, A. Barlow, H. Szumowski, J. Mathieson, S. Filipcuk.
2nd Back Row: J. Kane, L. Cerasa, M. Wojcechowski, G. McIlroy, A. Schmidt, G. Ponton, P. Strange, M. Ryder. I. Brennan, A. Johnson.
2nd Front Row: R. Brawn, T. Milburn, G. Mitchell, L. Lyons, G. Johnson, K. Smith, P. Hughes, T. Garbellini, N. Symons, S. Fienberg, B. Moorcroft, P. Francis.
Front Row: P. Benge, N. Proud, D. Francis, J. Leach, P. Doyle, P. Abrahams, V. Kotowski, A. Hosking, K. Roberts, K. Cheeseman.

Senior "A" Cricket

Front Row: J. Procko, A. Barlow, C. Leach (capt.) G. Mahoney, B. Gibson.
Back Row: N. Turner, T. Williams, B. Celler, B. Walker, S. Jones, C. Orr.

Junior "A" Cricket

Back Row: R. Reed, S. Thorp, Mr. L. Curran, I. Douglas, N. Nicholson, A. Garbellini.
Front Row: B. Kennedy, G. Simon, L. Sutcliffe (c.), S. B randt (v.c.), B. Turner, W. Brennan.
Absent: D. Thorburn.

Junior "B" Soccer

Back Row: G. Lambert, G. Howel, Jones, (Coach), I. Douglas, F. Zielinski.

Front Row: S. Kent, R. Leeds, G. Staines, M. Stass, P. Johnstone.

Senior "A" Soccer

Back Row: K. Bartlett, T. Bilokur, T. Bazak, S. Asterstater.

Front Row: H. Jones, J. Lalic, F. Castellan, C. Leach, P. McCrea, J. Parry.

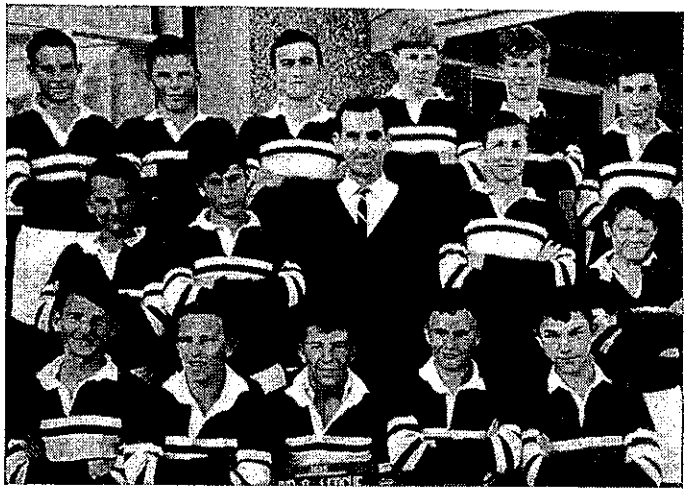
Senior "A" League

Back Row: J. Power, S. Pianko, L. Hayden, T. Burke, G. Crofts.
Middle Row: M. Sycz, I. Ponton, Mr.. Baguley (Coach), A. D'Urso, C. Orr.
Bottom Row: J. King, J. Procko (Capt.) T. Maybury, N. Turner, D. Sparshott.

Junior "B" League

Back Row: B. Larsen, J. Corbett, L. Bolland, I. Curtis, R. Wilson.
Middle Row: T. Boogert, J. Melville, R. Drinkwater, (Coach) P. Dawson, G. Bindley.
Front Row: S. Brandt, K. Broome, N. Proud, G. Simon,

Junior "A" League



Back Row: G. Greenway, P. Benge, S. Thorp, F. Wrigley, R. Roberts, L. Cerasa.
Middle Row: Z. Sycz, C. Buckley, Mr. L. Curran, K. Richardson, J. Pooley.
Front Row: N. Nicholson, E. Kwiatkowski, L. Edwards (c), J. Kitney, G. Baitch.

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The Writers' Field

"A Pearl of Great Price"

Dacu had never been to school. He lived in a bark hut on the outskirts of town with his wife Narweena and baby, Jimmy. He made his living by diving for pearls.

He was on his third dive when he saw an oyster the size of a plate almost hidden among the coral. He ripped it off the rocks and brought it to the surface. He lay it on the canoe and prised it open and to his amazement there was a pearl in it the size of a tennis ball. He screamed, "I have found it! I have found the pearl of the world!".

He ran home to his wife, Narweena, to show her. They were both so busy admiring the pearl that they did not notice the intruder as it slithered towards the baby. The six-foot brown

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snake was ready to strike. When Dacu looked across the room he leapt but it was too late. The baby screamed. Dacu smashed the snake with his hands.

Soon the baby's arm began to swell and Dacu decided to get the doctor.

The doctor was a white man, a drunkard, a hater of aborigines Dacu's people, and a lover of money. The doctor had heard about the pearl of the world that Dacu had found and part of it.

When Dacu arrived at the doctor's house the swelling had gone down in the baby's arm but the doctor said, "Its a strange thing this poison. It looks as though the wound is healing but in a few hours the poison might take hold and — poof!

He went to his bag took out some white powder, placed it in a capsule and forced it down the baby's throat. Dacu had to trust this white man because he did not know that this was wrong The doctor said that the medicine may fix the baby and then went. A few hours later the baby died.

That night when Dacu was outside he was attacked. He fought

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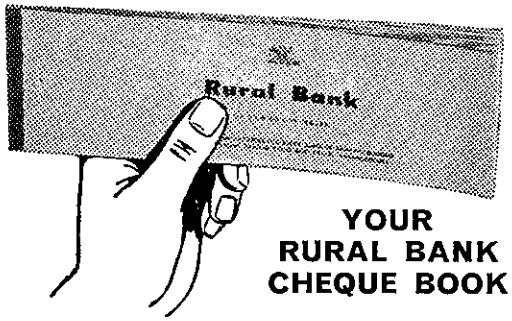

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off his attacker until a knife was plunged through his heart. The attacker desired the pearl. He was searching for it when he heard footsteps. Knowing that he had killed a man he ran off in fear without the pearl.

When Narweena found her husband's body she knew that the baby and he were dead because of the pearl. She took the pearl and threw it out to sea. Then she pulled the knife from her husband's chest and plunged it into herself.

Out to sea the pearl settled slowly to the bottom and all was silent.

B. McMASTERS (3A).

My Searching Soul

In form of black does my searching soul take form,
And ponder the solitude, its infinite expanse unfold.
As if upon our earth in hellish shadow seize.
And lives of mortals does it conceive,
To grasp what meaning is and soul interprets.

— K. Roberts 3C

Seizure!

The "slight, unmeritable men" of 5th year submit the following before going out "to graze in commons".

"Set in a note-book, learn'd, and conned by rote" — Spelling books?

"What should the wars do with these jigging fools?" — Cadet dance.

"Why old, men, fools and children calculate" — Maths honours class.

"That lowliness is young ambition's ladder" — First year boy outside prefects' room.

"I think we are too bold upon your rest" — Teacher tapping boy on shoulder.

"My ancestors did from the streets of Rome" — Mr. Ross wanders from topic again.

"You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things" — Mr. Buckland addressing the school assembly.

"They vanish tongue-tied in their guiltiness" — Fifth year banished from the area for another week.

"Well, honour is the subject of my story" — Prefects receive a lecture.

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"Poor man! I know he would not be a wolf" — Boy with 94% asks for more marks.

"We petty men walk under his huge legs" — First year boys as Mr. Gormly enters music room.

"Thou hast misconstrued everything" — French lesson.

"We shall try fortune in a second fight" — 5th year repeats.

"By the Gods, you shall digest the venom of your spleen" — Editor's warning.

Barbecue

On the Alligator River where the crocodiles prowl
And the wild dingoes have their moonlight howl,
An aboriginal warrior, with a spear alone,
Killed a giant crocodile with an uneasy groan,
He dragged it from the water, and to make sure it was dead
He took a sharp stone knife and stabbed it through the head.
He threw it on his shoulder and took it home for tea,
Thinking himself best of his brothers three,
That night the boys had the best tea by a mile,
Because the tender, white wombat was topped by a crocodile.

— by A. Norcott, 2B

Exercise St. Helena

"St. Helena" is held first term each year. We were taken to Blaxland by bus and set down at a spot near the gorge of the Glenbrook Creek (a young valley in a deserted sandstone plateau). The scramble down was pretty arduous but the climb to the other side more so. Some students of nature saw clumps of waratah; we all studied the lawyer vine, also known as wait-a-while" and "come back quick".

On this climb a rookie fell and damaged his knee. He said he was quite unable to go a step further. The OIC was called up, he took the pack from the fallen one, shared the contents among HQ and ruled that a rock be placed on the body as a marker for a burial party. The rookie then discovered that with the aid of ointment and aspro he was able to make fair progress — backwards. (His mother had put an extra nine tins of goodies in his pack to help him along).

After this there was a scrub bash for an hour or so through millions of prickly bushes (horror), a mile along a fire trail (bliss), and then down into a small valley with grass, blue gums and a dam — St. Helena. Some brain said it was a volcanic neck and had basalt soil. HQ picked the best spot for themselves —as usual. We practised setting up bivouac, field hygiene, sentry-go, clearing patrols, stand-to and lantern stalks.

On Sunday morning we followed Western Creek which is filled with vines, boulders, ferns and fallen trees. We "brunched" on a sandy head and buried our litter in it, but a sergeant made us do it again, deeper.

Further on the creek is blocked by landslides so we were very glad to get into Sassafras Gully an hour later and follow the path. We climbed a great many steps into Springwood and found Rowe's buses waiting. Any cadet learns to look for these buses which mean the end of pain and strain, a good rest, home and hot water.

P.B.I. (4th Year).

"A Writing Implement?"

It scratches as it works,
It is silent when still,
It is long and thin,
And it must have its fill.
Its fill of joy and happiness,
Its fill of sorrow or gloom,
Its fill of life and death,
Its fill of spring and bloom.
Its user may be dull,
Its user may be bright,
But whatever men say,
The Pen has might.

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"Caught"

It was clear moonlight night and the shadows of the tall trees made eerie patterns on the silver grass. The water of the brook nearby rippled silently over the glittering pebbles that made its bed look golden.

Then out of the darkness on the other side of the valley a fox silently crept. He took each step cautiously but after he had taken just a few steps his nostrils caught a strong smell of food.

He followed the scent which led him to a piece of meat in a pile of dead grass. Without realising he pulled the meat towards him and snap! Suddenly the pile of dead grass sprang alive in the form of two vicious steel jaws. They snapped and caught his small paw and held it firmly in a vice-like grip. He did not howl or cry because he knew now the farmer had realized that he was in the neighbourhood.

He struggled silently with the trap but in vain. Dawn slowly appeared and with it came the smell of man, in the farmer. He became conscious of this and desperately struggled to release his paw. He saw the gun raised to the farmer's shoulder.

Crack! The fox did not feel the pain of his paw or the tearing jaws of the terrier that attacked him, only the peace of Death.

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A Major Problem

In the early ages of mankind, woman's security, and hence her contentment were assured by the activity of the male and jeopardized by his inactivity. The male rampant—killing animals for food and clothing, digging out caves and driving off enemies — early came to be associated in the mind of the elemental female with warmth, well being and the kindred creature comforts. Lying down, or even sitting down, the male was a symbol of possible imminent disaster, famine, exposure, capture and servitude, even death. Any masculine posture of relaxation of repose therefore became a menace which must be removed.

The reasonable dismay of the primeval female at the sight of her mate doing nothing was so powerful that it remains ineradicable in the mind of the female of to-day. The softer centuries it is true, have reduced her primal terror to a kind of hazy uneasiness, but the instinct to prod the inert male into action nevertheless persists. Where once woman shook man, or struck him with a rock, or at least screamed imprecations at him when he sat down to draw pictures on the walls of the cave, she now contents herself with talking to him when he is reading. The male's ability to lose himelf in the printed pages brings back to the female, from vanished wildernesses, the old, dim fear of masculine inertia.

"I must tell you what happened to the Smith child's brain," a wife will begin when her husband has just reached the most exciting point in the account of a football game. Or she will read him a story from her section of the evening paper about a mad dentist who tried to burn up his wife and collect her insurance.

Of the various ways of combating this behaviour of the female open resentment manifested by snarling, swearing or throwing one's book or newspaper on the floor is the worst, since nine out of ten times it will lead to quarrels, slamming of doors, and even packing of suitcases.

The natural soft heartedness of the male will eventually get the better of him and he usually ends up by purchasing a dozen roses for his wife, and seven or eight drinks for himself, after which he must still face the ordeal of patching things up. This method of protest in a world takes a great deal out of man and it is not to be recommended.

The best way of dealing with the problem is to pretend to listen, but not really to listen at all. To the uninitiated this may seem simple, but it calls for a unique bifurcation of the faculty of attention.

In order to go on with his own reading, the husband must deaden his mind to the meaning of his wife's words and at the

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same time remain conscious of the implications of her inflections. Thus he will be able, at the proper places, to murmur an interested "yes," or an incredulous "no!", although not following her narrative at all.

I suppose one way to evade the whole problem is to give up reading, but this rather seems cowardly to me.

V. Michalko. 5B.

Bushwalking

Profounds the mind that seeks nature
By being close to nature
So be it with the bushwalker who
Challenges the elements, through is love of tramping.
Hobnails scraping on granite; the smell of
Wet leather, or burnt gum leaves.
Squalls raging, zephyrs stirring; heat sapping
And cold cramping.
Only the bushwalker knows the joy of touring
To admire some jagged maze of peaks,
Or savouring the last rays of the setting sun on
Distant cliffs, before camping.
How real the ecstasy upon finding a
Clear gurgling stream after walking daylong
Parched with thirst
And then theres the rare pleasure of
Scaling some distant mount, to know
You were the first.

— Chris Voase, 5A

The Top Ten

The "good guys" and "double dynamiters" of 5th Year have made the following assessment.

(1) "West of the Wall" — 5th Years look towards Girls' School.
(2) "Help" — 1st November.
(3) "Shakin' all Over" — Boy outside Head's office.
(4) "Reminiscing" — Certain history teacher.
(5) "It ain't necessarily so" — Roseley disproves one of Newton's theories.
(6) "The Silence" — Day before L.C. results.
(7) "Cloudy Summer Afternoon" — Zone Athletics Carnival.
(8) "I'm a Loser" — Joe Power after the last race.
(9) "A Walk on Black Asphalt" — Lunchtime!
(10) "Little Deuce Coupe" — Guess who!

Predictions

(1) "Catch Us if You Can" — After 5th Year farewell.
(2) "Home of the Brave" — Prefects' Room.
(3) "Go Yell it on the Mountain" — Detention defaulters.
(4) "Then He Missed Me" — The Screech Boys.

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Noise!

The city was asleep.
In its billion windows with drawn blinds,
— Silence —
The golden gift of man's putrid imagination
Was broken by a windblown scrap of paper,
As it scuttled aimlessly through the canyons,
And scaped harshly over the bare, desolate concrete pavements.
In the lap of the gods, a silver beetle —
Alien to this holy domain
— Whined.
A button was pushed —
— The city woke to a premature day,
Like a naked babe, prematurely born — all crimson
and deformed,
With its black skyscrapers — now tombstones
Clawing helplessly in prayer
Only to writhe, then fall into the boiling
cauldron of Hell!
An aeon passed then the sun
The nuclear pile that gave birth to the world
peered over the edge of the world.
It wept blood red tears through the shattered atmosphere
As it surveyed man's folly,
His folly of searching for heaven, through silence.
Silence — The gift of death.
No longer could it watch with age old wisdom,
Solemnly watch the gulls as they squabbled over
Waterfront refuse.
This slight disturbance that preluded the thunderous roar,
As the city, like some gargantuan volcano,
Shook with a violent eruption as it spewed out
Its soul giving life onto the concrete pavements,
Onto the black bitumen arteries which snaked
across the concrete jungle.
Like the venom filled carcass of a snake.
Only mans' folly greeted the sun's gaze —
Man's search for the cursed silence
Which lurked like a serpents egg in his imagination.
And like a serpents egg welled up, and out
Till the search became an obsession.
That it was achieved by a disaster
With the blood like crimson flow of tortured life
— And —
Noise, the gift of the gods
Was replaced by silence,
The forboding symbol of Death..

— Boris Markov 5A

A Limerick

There was a cannibal named Ned,
Who liked to eat carrots in bed
His mother said, "Sonny,
It's not very funny,
You should eat people instead!"

— By Jeff Lockley, 1B

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Flight Into Danger

David was worried. As the winter months gave way to summer and the days became longer, the enemy offensive had been increasing. It was not a case of routine patrols with the occasional kill — it had become a desperate struggle for supremacy. If families were to live without fear in their homes, the enemy must be engaged at every opportunity and destroyed. David's last few patrols had been successful, but he was not satisfied. He had noticed that for every one shot down there were others to take its place. Kills were increasingly difficult to confirm. You were too busy to follow them down.

David decided that today was going to be different. Paul was with him and they always had good luck together. They had climbed sufficiently now and were prepared for anything.

'Any sign of the enemy, Dave?" Paul's voice had a clear and confident ring to it and put Dave at ease.

"Nothing so far, but don't worry. We'll make contact soon enough. I think it would be a good idea to climb a little more — get the advantage over them before they spot us".

'Suits me," Paul replied,

David was getting impatient, his eyes darting this way and that, eager for the first sight of the enemy — for a valuable few seconds' advantage that would enable him to manoeuvre into a good position and prepare his attack.

"Bandids! 12 o'clock high!" Paul's shout was deafening. David head whipped round. Sure enough, there was no mistaking the telltale flicker of lights on their wings.

"How many do you make it, Paul?"

"Not sure. About seven, I thing, but there could be more."

The enemy was clear now, still unaware of his presence, still droning merrily on.

David's thumb slipped onto the firing button, pressed, and a deadly hail of fire ripped towards its target, catching the enemy in its lethal hail.

"Good shot, Dave!" Paul shouted excitedly. "That's two for a start. I've just sent one packing." David turned in time to let a long burst scatter three that grouped too close together. Two of them fell almost instantly and the third lost height.

"Finish that one off, Paul. I'm going after the others".

David turned and saw them climbing for safety. Cowards he thought. I'll get at least one.

Once again the deadly stream of fire released by the pressure of his thumb tore out towards the enemy. The nearest one caught the full blast and dropped like a stone, but the second was almost

out of range and climbing. David saw it go and knew it would escape. He turned and saw that Paul was below him—confirming a kill nearer the ground.

"We'd better pack it in now, Paul," said David.

"Mum gets mad at me it I waste this fly spray. Besides, I forgot to close the window and the seventh one escaped.

R. LEES (3A)

Why Not?

"Take me back to Dorrigo,
To the place that I love so;
Where the farmers dig
The nut brown soil.
Take me back to Dorrigo;
Tingle, tingle, ting,
You can hear the cream cans ring,
So take back again to Dorrigo"

— Gregory Greenaway 2B

Solitude

The broken uneven ground stained with the marks of war sets the scene for solitude. Then the moon in all its loneliness comes forth and plays its ghost like beams across the queer unthought of objects, trees and eerie boulders that only seem to emphasis desolation.

There is one soldier in the picture, gaunt and haggard, braced against the fears of darkness, with a strain that shows in his tight drawn face and tired eyes. He is not at all like the picture on the army poster, which shows a tough grim looking commando in a bayonet charge. In fact he is quite different, a changed man, changed by the fears, chores and life struggle of the War. The War changes a man until he is the most solitary person or thing on the earth, changed until he is all that matters. The comradeship that started has eluded to an inborn desire for self-survival.

The slow and heavy ground mist makes even the deadest trees alive, as though they were crawling along by unseen feet. The atmosphere is of a tenseness made possible only by the absolute quietness. The sparsely spread trees seem to produce again the effect of solitude.

They also reflect peace in the form of a still and weird remembrance for those who had found peace in death.

Suddenly the sky is broken open by the bright shattering of bursting shells. The soldiers' face was suddenly peaceful and his thoughts echoed about the scene, "All is quiet on the Western Front".

H. Jones. 5B.

On Being A Celebrity Now-a-days

The continual debt of being a celebrity in this modern society is one of the greatest burdens which may ben inflicted upon any man. The price which one has to pay to be a celebrity makes the reward a triviality.

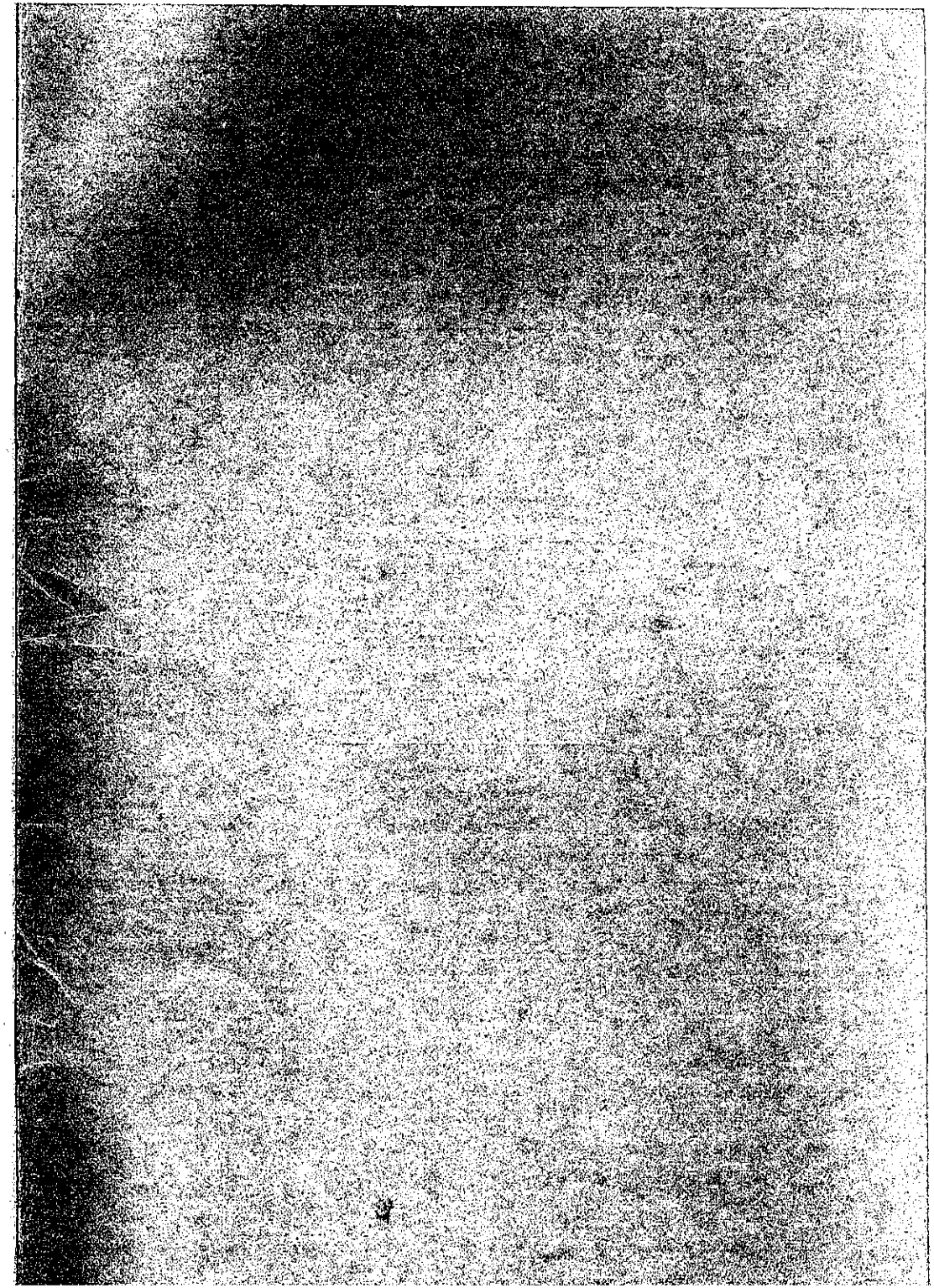
Through personel experience, as a soccer celebrity, I may sincerely analyse the arguments for and against being one those select few. I admit that like all others I too had to struggle to get to the top, thinking it would be all roses. At first it was, undoubtedly, a great thrill to be known everywhere, and to receive a private interview. Sheer delight. As the team piled out one after the other, myself beingt he last, I could hear the cheers but, when I entered my name rang out from the crowd and flooded into my ears thus drowning the rest of the cheers. It was adorable to be the best forward in the country, but I did not realise that it would become my heaviest burden.

The first moment's delight was overcome and although I enjoy being what I was, it became the immpossible. Every step I took there seemed to be an earger eye to report my activities every door seemed to hide a scandal maker in its shadows. No public place seemed to be without an army of autograph hunters not one night could I spend utside without being accused of breaking training. Never a moment of sheer solitude, never a second of ap rivate life, which I wished for and longed to enjoy Day in and day out a thousand and one eyes and cameras, of some sort, seemed to be looking down my throat. Every sporting paper had my name, or picture, in it reporting on my private affairs. Every sporting magazine bore some part of me in its commercialsz, one for boots, another for underwear and ven for toothpicks. But I, as all other celebrities, have reached the point of no return.

Only heaven knows how I wish I could return to a worthless nuknown basketball player but it is now too late. I, as all celebrities, have become a slave of society, which seems to be constantly on our backs for more of ourselves. Being a celebrity of nowadays is being a slave to your own image.

— M.. CASTELLARI

A Limerick

There was an old man from Calcutta,
Who tripped and fell in the gutter,
"Oh dear" he said,
"I've a lump on my head,
Too bad I haven't some butter".

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